

AUTHORSHIP AND RELIGION.—The great Chateaubriand is near his last day. In a letter to a poet who had addressed some verses to him, he thus gives his footings up for his estimate of work, done for man and for God:—"I wish to reply to the questions contained in your closing stanzas ; if I could begin my life anew, I should not write a single line, and would wish to die unknown ; but I shall ever be a Christian, I always have been, and even more than ever I was. All things considered, there is but one thing in life : Religion ! It is religion that gives order and liberty to the world, and after life a better existence."

